

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 12, 1896, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Nov. 12th (1896) My dear Alec:

My head still ached and I was so sleepy last night from the wakeful night before that I didn't get my letter written last night. I told Mr. McCurdy all the news earlier in the day anyway Mr. McCurdy says that he has had, but one letter from me that hasn't contained a scolding for some one, and he thinks Washington can't agree with me. I think living away from you doesn't. I always get so dreadfully worried about money matters and everything seems to come down on me alone. At home there are always you and Mr. McCurdy to help me, here I have to go through all the business alone.

Mamma and Papa are coming into town very soon now, however so I shall not be so much alone. Now I hardly ever see them because Perrin cannot take me down town in the morning and to Twin Oaks in the afternoon and beside I have been too busy and too tired. It is raining now, and the grass is beginning to look fresh and green again. I wish I knew what sort of weather you are having now. Mr. McCurdy speaks occasionally of a cold day or vessels hurrying into harbor close reefed. That sounds very natural. What I miss here mostly is the fresh wind that blows along the road to the warehouse. We never have any wind here, which may be an advantage sometimes, but after a while the air seems lifeless and heavy. I think we have too much wind on that low level road and not enough here, let's exchange.

Elsie's cards are being printed for the 9th of December, 2 don't forget. I had no letter from you yesterday and I missed the sight of your handwriting very much. You haven't told me of your laboratory experiments in detail yet.

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Breakfast time and I must go. But I love you and want you always.

Ever yours, Nov. 12th 1896. Did I ever tell you that the Post suggests that in recognition of the fact that it was the colored delegation for St. Louis that saved the sound money plank, on which McKinley won, he should give a cabinet office to one of these people, say the Secretaryship of Agriculture to Mr. Washington of Alabama Agricultural College.